

Introduced by Senator PadillaFebruary 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 310 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to consumer affairs.

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SB 824, as introduced, Padilla. Director of Consumer Affairs: duties.

Existing law creates the Department of Consumer Affairs within the State and Consumer Services Agency. Under existing law, the Consumer Affairs Act, the Director of Consumer Affairs is required to discharge specified duties.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision setting forth the director's duties.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 310 of the Business and Professions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 310. The director shall have the following powers, and it shall
- 4 be his *or her* duty to *take the following actions*:
- 5 (a) Recommend and propose the enactment of ~~such~~ legislation
- 6 as *that is* necessary to protect and promote the interests of
- 7 consumers.
- 8 (b) Represent the consumer's interests before federal and state
- 9 legislative hearings and executive commissions.

- 1 (c) Assist, advise, and cooperate with federal, state, and local
2 agencies and officials to protect and promote the interests of
3 consumers.
- 4 (d) Study, investigate, research, and analyze matters affecting
5 the interests of consumers.
- 6 (e) Hold public hearings, subpoena witnesses, take testimony,
7 compel the production of books, papers, documents, and other
8 evidence, and call upon other state agencies for information.
- 9 (f) Propose and assist in the creation and development of
10 consumer education programs.
- 11 (g) Promote ethical standards of conduct for business and
12 consumers and undertake activities to encourage public
13 responsibility in the production, promotion, sale, and lease of
14 consumer goods and services.
- 15 (h) Advise the Governor and Legislature on all matters affecting
16 the interests of consumers.
- 17 (i) Exercise and perform ~~such~~ other functions, powers, and
18 ~~duties as may be~~ *that are* deemed appropriate to protect and
19 promote the interests of consumers as directed by the Governor
20 or the Legislature.
- 21 (j) Maintain contact and liaison with consumer groups in
22 California and nationally.